

Beasley  
Narration

1 the State would introduce in evidence  
2 proof to show that during the period of  
3 May 3rd to June 24th, the Defendant, as  
4 John L. Raines, was employed by a Mr.  
5 and Mrs. Klingerman at the Indian Trail  
6 Restaurant which is located in Winnetka,  
7 Illinois.

8 Various experts from the F.B.I.  
9 laboratory would be called to testify, and  
10 their testimony would be in substance as  
11 follows:

12 Mr. George J. Bonebrake, who has been  
13 working with fingerprints since 1941,  
14 would testify that at 5:15 A.M., April 5th,  
15 1968, he received the following items as  
16 has been heretofore testified to; that is,  
17 the rifle, the items that, from the bag,  
18 that were delivered to him by the repre-  
19 sentative from the Memphis F.B.I. office,  
20 with reference to this material from the  
21 front, recovered from the front of Canipe's  
22 Amusement place here, that he found a  
23 print of sufficient clarity, fingerprint  
24 of sufficient clarity on the rifle itself;

1 he found another print of sufficient clarity  
2 for identification on the scope, the Redfield  
3 scope mounted on the rifle; he found a print  
4 on the aftershave bottle, which is in the  
5 little packet that was obtained or purchased  
6 from the Rexall Drug Store in Whitehaven,  
7 Tennessee, which was part of the items that  
8 we have heretofore mentioned to you. He  
9 found a print on the binoculars. He found  
10 a print on one of the Schlitz Beer cans.  
11 He found a print on the front page of the  
12 April 4th issue of the Memphis Commercial  
13 Appeal. That on April the 17th he received  
14 this map of Mexico which was, the State  
15 would have shown, was obtained from the  
16 room, Jimmy Garner's rooming house; that  
17 he found prints of sufficient clarity on  
18 that map for identification purposes; that  
19 he started an extensive investigation  
20 through fugitive files consisting of some  
21 53,000 fingerprint cards, and on April the  
22 19th he identified all the above-mentioned  
23 prints that I have mentioned to you from  
24 these items as being identical with the

1 records bearing the name and photograph of  
2 James Earl Ray.

3 That on June the 24th, 1968, he com-  
4 pared the prints from these items that I  
5 have mentioned to you with the prints that  
6 he obtained from Insp. Bryan in London,  
7 England. Mr. Bonebrake went to London.  
8 He also compared on July the 22nd the prints  
9 obtained from James Earl Ray when he was  
10 brought and delivered to the sheriff of  
11 Shelby County here at our jail, and would  
12 testify that in his opinion all the above-  
13 mentioned prints were made by one and the  
14 same person to the exclusion of all other  
15 persons in the world.

16 That on May 6th, 1968, he also examined  
17 a modern photo book store coupon, bearing  
18 the name, Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland,  
19 Birmingham, Alabama, and found a thumb print  
20 identical with the other prints heretofore  
21 mentioned and which he attributed to James  
22 Earl Ray. That further on August the 27th,  
23 1968, he examined several checks from the  
24 Indian Trail Restaurant payable to John .

1 Raines and found a thumb print identical  
2 with the left thumb print of James Earl  
3 Ray.

4 Mr. Robert A. Frazier, the chief,  
5 firearms identification unit at the F.B.I.,  
6 with 27 years experience, would testify  
7 as to examination and firing of this rifle,  
8 30.06, that has been heretofore introduced.

9 He examined the cartridges, the hull  
10 from the chamber of this rifle, the slug  
11 removed from the body of Dr. Martin Luther  
12 King, Jr., and would testify as to his con-  
13 clusions as follows:

14 The death slug was identical in all  
15 physical characteristics with the five  
16 loaded 30.06 Springfield cartridges found  
17 in the bag in front of Canipe's. The cart-  
18 ridge case had in fact been fired in this  
19 30.06 rifle. That the death slug removed  
20 from the body contained land and groove  
21 impressions and direction of twist con-  
22 sistent with those that were in the barrel  
23 of this rifle.

24 That he also made microscopic

Chemical?

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many  
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other  
Sacco-Vanzetti



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1 comparison between the fresh dent in the  
2 sill of the window at the bathroom, 422 1/2  
3 South Main, and concluded that the micro-  
4 scopic evidence in this dent was consistent  
5 in all ways with the same microscopic  
6 marks as appear on the barrel of this rifle,  
7 30.06 rifle.

8 That his examination of the 243 caliber  
9 Winchester rifle, which had been purchased  
10 on March the 29th and returned on March the  
11 30th, was not capable of chambering or fir-  
12 ing a slug. There were certain deposits  
13 on the end of the bolt which had to be  
14 chiseled away before this gun was capable  
15 of being fired. That is the gun that was  
16 returned.

17 Morris S. Clark would be called as  
18 another expert from the F.B.I., with ref-  
19 erence to hair and fiber examinations, and  
20 he prepared microscopic slides from this  
21 green spread. He also made examinations  
22 of the pillow that was removed from 5-B,  
23 the bed clothing removed from 5-B, and he  
24 found fibers of the same type as is on this